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YORK SUBURBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRACT FOR PARTICIPATION IN CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Philosophy

Participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities is a privilege. Students who choose to participate in a co-curricular or extra-curricular activity are accepting the privileges and benefits of participating in a school-sponsored activity as well as the responsibility and commitment to that organization. There is a high standard of behavioral expectations both in school and in the community. Students who wish to represent York Suburban School District in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities must meet this standard in order to participate.

The use of controlled substances seriously threatens the health, safety, and welfare of adolescents and it fails to uphold the standards of behavior set forth by the district. Because of the harmful effects of such substances and the poor reflection on the organization(s) represented by the student, it is incumbent upon the school to respond to any confirmed possession or use. Students who possess or engage in the use of controlled substances will lose the privilege of participating in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for a designated period of time.

The intent of this policy is to provide for the students a clear standard of expectations as well as to provide students with a significant reason to avoid these harmful behaviors.

Definitions

Controlled substance – All controlled substances prohibited by federal and state law, look-alike drugs, alcoholic beverages, anabolic steroids, drug paraphernalia, any volatile solvents or inhalants, such as but not limited to glue and aerosol products, prescription or patented drugs except those for which permission for use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy. (YSSD Board Policy No. 227) Tobacco is a substance that is controlled by federal and state law with specific age parameters, and therefore falls under the auspices of this contract. Tobacco shall include lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, other lighted smoking product, and smokeless tobacco in any form. (YSSD Board Policy No. 222)

Confirmed Possession or Use – The possession or use of a controlled substance can be confirmed by a member of the administration, teaching staff, coaching staff, an advisor, or a law enforcement agent.

Student Assistance Program (SAP) – Offered at the middle school and the high school, this program is used to identify and support students in need of assistance with controlled substances and/or mental health issues. (This may include such concerns as response to peer pressure and decision-making.)

Co-curricular Activities – All programs in which students are required to participate in extra-curricular functions as a part of a graded class (e.g. band)

Extra-curricular Activities – All programs and activities that function outside of the academic program of the school including athletic teams, clubs, and organizations that typically meet outside of the school day

Violations

Violations are cumulative from 7th grade through graduation.

Violations that occur while a student is not participating in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities will be applied should the student join an activity within one calendar year of the violation.

Category 1 - Controlled Substance abuse violations which occur in school, on school property, or at school sponsored events will be reported to the principal and the Student Assistance Team. School discipline will be enforced as per the Code of Conduct. Students who are externally suspended

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from school cannot participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities during the time of their suspension. Upon return to school the consequences described below will apply.

Category 2 - Confirmed Controlled Substance abuse violations that occur outside of school will be reported to the principal. Consequences for violations are listed below.

Category 3 - In the event there is **confirmation of student attendance** at an event or function in which peers engaged in the possession or use of a controlled substance, the student will be referred to the Student Assistance Team. The student may continue to participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities so long as s/he wholly participates in the process and adheres to the recommendations resulting from the intake meeting. Failure to cooperate with this process will result in suspension from all co-curricular and extra-curricular participation for one calendar year.

Consequences

A **first offense** in category 1 and 2 violations will result in suspension from all co-curricular and extra-curricular participation for a period of 30 calendar days, including participation in meetings, practices, events, and competitions. The Principal or designee will define for the student the extent to which s/he may attend (but not participate in) such functions. At no time may a suspended student wear a school uniform. The student must wholly participate in an intake with the Student Assistance Program (SAP) and follow up with any and all recommendations resulting from the intake. Failure to abide by the terms in this paragraph will result in suspension from all co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for one calendar year.

A **second offense** in category 1 and 2 violations will result in suspension from all co-curricular and extra-curricular participation for a period of 90 calendar days. The Principal or designee will define for the student the extent to which s/he may attend (but not participate in) such functions. At no time may a suspended student wear a school uniform. The student must wholly participate in an intake with the Student Assistance Program and follow up with any and all recommendations resulting from the intake. The student must also serve 10 hours of service to the school or community, pre-approved by the Principal. Failure to abide by the terms in this paragraph will result in suspension from all co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for one calendar year.

A **third offense** in category 1 and 2 violations will result in suspension from all co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for one calendar year. The student will be permitted to attend only those activities open to the general student body. The student must wholly participate in an intake with the Student Assistance Program and follow up with any and all recommendations resulting from the intake. In order to be permitted to participate in any co-curricular and extra-curricular activities following the suspension period, the student must submit a letter of request to the Principal who will then convene a meeting with two additional staff members comprised of the athletic director, coach(es), or advisor(s) of the organization(s) with which the student wishes to affiliate. If the student is prepared to accept the responsibility of the privilege, the principal and additional staff members will develop an action plan for reinstatement.

Co-curricular Suspension - If a student is suspended from a co-curricular activity for any length of time, alternate assignments will be provided to the student.

I agree to these conditions for participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in the York Suburban School District.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

Print Name

Print Name